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To Whom It May Concern:

I am against the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust trial. I feel that the current proposed settlement does not fully address the actions committed by Microsoft in the past, nor inhibit their ability to commit similar actions in the future.

The majority of the provisions within the settlement only formalize the status quo. Of the remaining provisions, none will effectively prohibit Microsoft from abusing its current monopoly position in the operating system market. This is especially important in view of the seriousness of Microsoft's past antitrust activities.

Most important, the proposed settlement does nothing to correct Microsoft's previous actions. There are no provisions that correct or address their previous abuses. They only prohibit the future repetition of those abuses. This, in my opinion, goes against the very foundation of law. If a person or organization is able to commit illegal acts, benefit from those acts and then receive as a "punishment" instructions that they cannot commit those acts again, they have still benefited from their illegal acts. That is not justice, not for the victims of their abuses and not for the American people in general.

While the Court's desire that a settlement be reached is well-intentioned, it is wrong to reach an unjust settlement just for settlement's sake many of the states have offered a revised settlement that addresses many of the problems in this original settlement and therefore this settlement must be rejected.

Sincerely,

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